Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 4, 5-11 13, 14, 19- 22 and 28 have been amended. Claims 12, 15-18 and 23-27 have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-11, 13, 14, 19- 22 and 28-30 are presented for examination.

Claims 1-6, 9-13, 15-20, 23-25 and 28-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Rajasekharan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,480,961). In addition, claims 7, 8, 14, 21, 22, 26 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rajasekharan. Applicants submit that the present claims are patentable over Rajasekharan.

Rajasekharan discloses a method and apparatus for secure streaming of digital audio/visual content. Authorization and integrity checks are performed by a client or playback device on a set of data associated with digital content to be played. The set of data includes authorization and integrity information for content to be received from the source. Streamed content is received from the source by the playback device. The streamed content is intermittently checked for authorization and integrity. If the check is passed, playback continues, otherwise playback is halted. See Rajasekharan at Abstract.

Claim 1 of the present application recites transmitting one or more fingerprint blocks to a client via a first connection and simultaneously transmitting a data stream to the client via a second connection. Applicants submit that nowhere in Rajasekharan is there disclosed or suggested transmitting fingerprint blocks from a server to a client via a first connection and simultaneously transmitting data from the server to the client via a second connection. Thus, claim 1 is patentable over Rajasekharan.

Claims 2 and 3 depend from claim 1 and include additional features. Therefore, claims 2 and 3 are also patentable over Rajasekharan.

Claim 4 recites receiving a first set of fingerprint blocks at a client from a server via a first connection and simultaneously receiving a data stream at the client from the server via a second connection. Thus, for the reasons described above with respect to claim 1, claim 4 is patentable over Rajasekharan. Since claims 5-8 depend from claim 4 and include additional features, claims 5-8 are also patentable over Rajasekharan.

Claim 9 recites transmitting one or more fingerprint blocks to a client via a first connection and simultaneously transmitting a data stream to the client via a second connection. Therefore, for the reasons described above with respect to claim 1, claim 9 is patentable over Rajasekharan. Because claims 10, 11, 13 and 14 depend from claim 9 and include additional features, claims 10, 11, 13 and 14 are also patentable over Rajasekharan.

Claim 19 recites a set of instructions to cause a processor to receive a first set of fingerprint blocks from a server via a first connection and simultaneously receive a data stream at the client via a second connection. Accordingly, for the reasons described above with respect to claim 1, claim 19 is patentable over Rajasekharan. Since claims 20-22 depend from claim 19 and include additional features, claims 20-22 are also patentable over Rajasekharan.

Claim 28 recites machine readable instructions to transmit the one or more fingerprint blocks to a client via a first connection; and simultaneously transmit a data stream to the client via a second connection. Thus, for the reasons described above with respect to claim 1, claim 28 is patentable over Rajasekharan. Because claims 29 and 30 depend from claim 28 and include additional features, claims 29 and 30 are also patentable over Rajasekharan.

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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